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BISMARCK, ND – Gov. Doug Burgum on "News & Views with Joel Heitkamp," KFGO Radio, Fargo, Gov. Doug Burgum on "What's On Your Mind" radio show with Scott Hennen, The Flag

Gov. Doug Burgum on "News & Views with Joel Heitkamp," KFGO Radio, Fargo
On who will pay for the cleanup costs and expense of extra law enforcement needed to deal with the prolonged protests

"The whole congressional delegation wants to try to help us get reimbursement from the federal government. I've said, 'Keep your receipts everybody in North Dakota because we're going to get someone else to pay for this,' and we're going to work hard to make that happen. The last resort is we sue the federal government, but I'm hoping that they'll understand that we've been doing their job for them the last six months, and we've done it well and we've done it probably less expensively than the federal government could have done it."

Gov. Doug Burgum on "News & Views with Joel Heitkamp," KFGO Radio, Fargo
On criticism of the decision to offer a state-funded Travel Assistance Center

"We've run… maybe now over 700 people through the arrest process in Morton County, clogging our jails, taking up space, time, and costing the legal system dollars, and then what do we find? They've got these Go Fund Me accounts, people are bailed out minutes after they're entered and then they're right back in the camp again. And so if we're trying to save money and solve the problem, it's better to just get people on a bus and get them out of here than it is to try to pursue things through the legal process. And then part of it was also health and welfare checks… There were people in there that weren't a threat to anyone, and we North Dakotans take care of people and want to do it in the most cost-effective way possible."

Gov. Doug Burgum on "News & Views with Joel Heitkamp," KFGO Radio, Fargo

"Even after the buildings are down, the Corps of Engineers is going to have weeks of work on remediation… A lot of work remains on cleanup, but (I'm) happy that it all got done safely."

Gov. Doug Burgum on "What's On Your Mind" radio show with Scott Hennen, The Flag, On Coordination Between Agencies Involved in Wednesday and Thursday Actions

"I can't be more proud and more pleased with the execution and the leadership of how that went on. If you were watching online, you saw professionalism, you saw restraint, you saw people who were empathetic, you saw people that cared."

Gov. Doug Burgum on "What's On Your Mind" radio show with Scott Hennen, The Flag

"We now can basically declare, at least in Morton County, we no longer have any ungoverned land… The rule of law has been re-established."

Sources: Gov. Doug Burgum on "News & Views with Joel Heitkamp," KFGO Radio, Fargo, Gov. Doug Burgum on "What's On Your Mind" radio show with Scott Hennen, The Flag